Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* In view of the reply given by the Government I hope that they will shift it at an early date. I therefore do not press the motion.

The motion was, by leave, withdrawn.

Cut Motion No. 10.

To stop the levy of license fees of 1 rupee or less on Cottage Industries

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram): To reduce the allotment of Rs. 32,203 for Sanitation and Conservancy by Re. 1.* (ഒരു ഉറുപ്പികയും അതിൽ താഴെയും സംഖ്യ ലൈസൻസുഫീ ചുമത്തിവരുന്ന കുടിൽ വ്യവസായങ്ങളുടെ ലൈസൻസ്സ് സമ്പ്രദായം നിറുത്തൽ ചെയ്യേണ്ട അത്യാവശ്യകത ഗവൺമെണ്ടിന്റെ സത്വര ശ്രദ്ധയിൽ പെടുത്തുവാൻ).

സർ, ഇതു് കുറച്ചു ഗൌരവമായ ഒരു സംഗതിയാണു്. അനവധി സാധുക്കളുടെ ഉപജീവനമാർഗ്ഗത്തിനു് അത്യന്താപേക്ഷിതമായ ഒരു സംഗതിയായതുകൊണ്ടും ഈ വിഷയത്തിൽ ഒരു പ്രമേയം അവതരിപ്പിക്കുവാൻ വിചാരിക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ടും ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപം അവതരിപ്പിക്കുവാൻ ഞാൻ വിചാരിക്കുന്നില്ല.

Cut Motion No. 11.

To give up the system of Licensing fees

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur): To reduce the allotment of Rs. 95,626 for Public Health by Re. 1. (To impress on the Government the need to give up the system of licensing fees).*

Sir, my idea in moving this cut motion is to draw the attention of the Government to the extreme hardship felt by the people of the rural areas in carrying on such essential occupations as the converting of cocoanut husks into coir. In the rural areas the people resort to various occupations which do not really assume the dimensions of large trade. It is really essential for them because of the fact that it gives them one of the means to add something to their very meagre means of livelihood. After the inauguration of the Public Health Department in the State it has been a consistent policy of the department to tax these people so that they can show that there is some receipt from the Department. The figures in the Budget are fairly illuminating on this point. The receipt under license fees is Rs. 12,000. Now Sir, my submission to the House is this: cannot this department which exists for improving the conditions of the people manage without this item especially in view of the fact that a large portion of it is really collected from persons who cannot afford to pay? This is a matter which is really serious from the stand point of the welfare of the rural population. My submission is that this matter ought to be very seriously considered and the Government must be forced to come to the conclusion that such license fees should not be levied from the poor people, who carry on small occupations in rural areas. I therefore commend this motion for the acceptance of the House.

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